

NEW JERSEY.

TENANTS FLEE FOR LIFE.

Roused from bed by fire in a Tenement-House.

Four Brooklyn Families Burned Out This Morning.

Four families were made homeless shortly before 3 o'clock this morning by a fire which almost destroyed a four-story tenement at 80 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn.

The inmates were asleep when the flames were discovered, and when they awoke found their apartments filled with smoke. They fled down a fire-escape in the rear to save their lives. Some of them were only partially clad, and the cold wind and the sleet falling at the time preyed upon the nerves of the fugitives.

It was just 2:40 o'clock when Policeman Nelson Downey, of the Quincey street station, saw smoke issuing from the hallway of the building. The ground floor was occupied by Joseph Wenzler, a sash-maker, who had closed his store an hour before and had gone home.

There was nobody moving about the premises at the time, and Policeman Foran rushed upstairs, rapping on the doors and crying "Fire!" as he went.

The second floor was occupied by the family of Anthony Rempe, the third by William Grudert and the fourth by John McDonald. The fire started in the kitchen of the Rempe family, and the flames spread rapidly and when the firemen reached the scene the blaze had extended up through the house to the top floor.

After a hard fight, however, the fire was gotten under control. The losses are estimated at \$2,000. The Rempe family, \$1,000; the Grudert family, \$1,000; the McDonald family, \$1,000. The police are making an investigation into the cause of the fire. There is a suspicion that the fire was started by a gas leak, but the police have not secured evidence to substantiate this theory.

HUNTING DOWN FIREBUGS.

Brooklyn's Third Precinct Police Looking for Incendiaries.

Pollce Captain Leavay, of the Third Precinct, Brooklyn, and his detectives, Rorke and Murphy, believe that there are firebugs at work in their district. They are hard at work trying to ferret them out.

At 331 Sackett street a barrel of excelsior was found ablaze in the air shaft. The fire was extinguished before damage was done. There are eight families in the house.

Within a very few days fire have occurred in the apartment-house at 100 West 12th street, at 100 West 11th street, and at 100 West 10th street. All of these were started by incendiaries. The police are making an investigation into the cause of the fire. There is a suspicion that the fire was started by a gas leak, but the police have not secured evidence to substantiate this theory.

KEPT OUT OF SCHOOL.

Long Island City Children the Victims of Alleged Official Neglect.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Dec. 15.—Parents of school children in the First Ward of this city complain that their children are not allowed to attend school on account of the unfit condition of the schoolhouse. Every day this week, they say, their children have been kept home because the school was not properly heated.

About a year ago \$100,000 worth of houses were built for the purpose of completing the First Ward school, but the building is still in an uncompleted condition.

A commission, comprising Mayor Sanford, City Treasurer Blackwell, President Claven, and two citizens, James Corwell and Jacob Miller, was appointed to see that the school was built with the intention of accommodating 1,500 children.

CALL HIM A "FAT PIG."

Sochlein Has His Former Friend Arrested for Slander.

Victor Michling, of 101 Middleton street, was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day on a charge of slandering Jacob Sochlein, of 382 Marcy avenue.

The two men are merchants, and until short time ago were fast friends. They quarreled recently, and Sochlein said that Michling called him a "fat pig."

It has been the torment of my life," said Sochlein, "and this fellow has called me a fat pig. I will strike him and then he can sue me."

WANTS TO SEE HIS CHILDREN.

Mrs. Cray, Who Divorced Her Husband, Now Has Her Custody.

William F. Cray, a well-known New York tea merchant, appeared to-day to Judge Osborne, of the Brooklyn City Court, for permission to see his children.

They are in the custody of his wife, Mrs. Lillie S. Cray, a native of Bridgeton, N. J., who has since married. Mrs. Cray, who has since married, is now at home with her parents in Meriden, Conn.

Board of Education Will Investigate Miss Franklin's Case.

The Board of Education of Brooklyn will investigate the case of a woman who resigned from the position of teacher in the colored school No. 10.

48 BOTTLES OF "OLD CROW."

These and 1,950 Cigars Consumed by the Columbian Aldermen.

Mayor Boody Gives Out a Few Bills for Inspection.

The Columbian Audit Commission met in Auditor Weber's office in the City Hall this morning and adjourned without taking further testimony regarding the reckless expenditure of the public money. The hearing will probably be continued to-morrow morning.

It was announced that the identity of James J. O'Connor, who received \$300 from the city for "municipal" and established. He is said to be a traveling salesman for a cigar firm in New York. He is absent from the city.

Mayor Boody to-day received further responses to his request for itemized bills from the firms who supplied various articles for the celebration. The bills were sent for collection.

The bill for "refreshments" supplied by Frankel & Lansing, of the Clarendon Hotel, and the Clarendon Hotel, appears that they were also keeping up a steady demand for "Old Crow" and other liquors from P. J. Montague's establishment.

The itemized bill, as furnished to the Commission, shows that the Columbian committee spent for refreshments on Oct. 7, and continued until Oct. 10, a total of \$1,950. It also shows that time forty-six bottles of "Old Crow" and 1,950 cigars were consumed.

George F. Miller, who furnished the refreshments to the crowd, which assembled in the fire-house after the parade, put in a bill for \$1,283.50.

Dempsey & Carroll, the stationers, who were charged with the printing of invitations to the celebration, declined to present an itemized bill.

James F. Smith, of London and New York, put in an itemized bill for fireworks for \$4.12.

SITUATION FOR MR. JORDAN.

And Many More Contributions for the Needy Family.

Through the timely efforts of "The Evening World" the home of John Jordan, at 20 Knickerbocker avenue, Williamsburg, has undergone a wonderful change. In place of starvation, which has less than one week ago stared the whole family, consisting of father, mother and seven children, in the face, there is now an abundance of the comforts of life.

Contributions continue to come into the home. The family have to see the police man personally to understand the no-alien rule, and receive her relief. Food, clothing, fuel and innumerable other necessities have been received. As each gift came in the tears of gratitude that trickled down the cheeks of the poor woman's face spoke louder than words.

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Baker Bacher Was an Easy Mark for Rupert Lange.

Rupert Lange, who says he lives at 163 East Sixty-third street, New York, was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day on a charge of passing a Confederate \$50 bill on Rudolph Bacher, a baker of 475 Manhattan street.

Bacher is a prominent Democratic politician, and came very near being nominated for Alderman last month. He took the bill without question, and did not know it was worthless until his bankers notified him after he had deposited the money.

ROBBED A SLOT MACHINE.

Three Young Men Caught in the Act in Williamsburg.

Thomas Taylor, Patrick Brown and Edward Yucker, three young men who live in Greenpoint, were held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day on a charge of robbing a slot machine.

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